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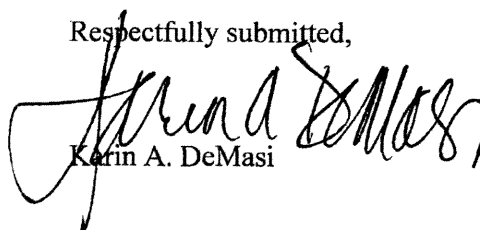
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In re Merck & Co., Inc. Securities, Derivative & ERISA Litigation
The Consolidated Securities Action, No. 05-CV-02367

Dear Judge Chesler:

We represent Defendants (other than Dr. Scolnick) in *AFA Livförsäkringsaktiebolag v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, No. 07-cv-4024-SRC-CLW (the "AFA Action"). Pursuant to paragraph 14 of Pretrial Order No. 1, and on behalf of all parties, we write to notify the Court that the parties to the AFA Action have consented to extend Defendants' deadline to file their oppositions to the AFA Action Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to Amend (ECF No. 488) by fourteen (14) days (*i.e.*, until May 6, 2013) while the parties work expeditiously to resolve the issues raised in the motion without the need for Court intervention.

Respectfully submitted,


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SO ORDERED

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Cathy L. Waldor, U.S.M.J.

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